



ABSOLUTE POWER



FINA
MORA
21

WAID
MORA
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13+
TEEN

ALL IN



ABSOLUTE BATMAN



**NO MANSION.
NO MONEY.
ABSOLUTE WARRIOR.**

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An all-new vision of the Dark Knight starts in **OCTOBER**

**GAMORRA
ISLAND.**

"HELL YES, I ORDERED
ALL TROOPS TO REGROUP
HERE, AMANDA. YOU
WANT AN ASSESSMENT
OF THE LAST HOUR?"

"WONDER WOMAN
AND ROBIN **BROKE**
THE **SUPERMAX**."

"JADESTONE'S
OFF THE GRID."

"SUPERMAN'S KID
HAS HIS **FREE**
WILL BACK."

AND BRAINIAC
QUEEN GOT HER
SORRY CYBER-ASS
KICKED TO--

SLAP

WATCH YOUR
MOUTH.

ALL I'M
SAYING
IS...

...IF I KNOW MY
OLD PALS, WE'RE
OBVIOUSLY THEIR
NEXT AND FINAL
STOP. THAT'S A
PROBLEM WITH
BQ OUTTA
PLAY.

THE
MULTIVERSAL
GATE HOLDS OUR
BACKUP. FAILSAFE
WILL RADIO ITS GUARDS
TO FIRE IT UP, THEN
CALL IN THE REST OF
TASK FORCE
VII.

OUR
FRONTLINE
SOLDIERS HAVE
WEAPONS FROM THE
JUSTICE LEAGUE
ARMORY, RIGHT?
THEY CAN **EASILY**
HOLD OFF ANY
ATTACKS UNTIL
THEN.

THE "HEROES"
WANT A **SHOW-
DOWN**?

THEY HAVE
NO IDEA WHAT
THEY'RE WALKING
INTO.

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CHAPTER FOUR

SHOWDOWN

Amanda Waller **THOUGHT** she had won... but the depowered heroes of the DCU have struck a major blow to Waller's Trinity of Evil with an unexpected victory in the Battle of Themyscira. With Brainiac Queen destroyed and Jonathan Kent--the son of Superman--successfully recovered from his cybernetic enslavement, the war for absolute power on planet Earth nears its end. Superman, Batman, Wonder Woman, and everyone else left standing prepare for a massive invasion of Waller's home base...unaware of what awaits them.

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**SUPERMAX
PRISON.**

"EVERYONE?
YOU FREED EVERY
HERO?"

THAT WAS THE
ASSIGNMENT,
SUPERMAN.

DO NOT
MAKE IT SOUND
EASY, ROBIN.
IT WAS NOT. MY
FRIEND STEVE
TREVOR--

"FRIEND."

--STEVE
TREVOR IS
ENSURING THAT THE
VILLAINS REMAIN
SECURED.

AT LEAST
HALF OF THOSE
RESCUED ARE TOO
WOUNDED TO **FOLLOW**
US--AND WE HAVE
TWO TARGETS
TO HIT.

FROM WALLER'S
GAMORRAN BASE,
BATMAN THINKS HE CAN
NEUTRALIZE THE AMAZOS--
YET WE STILL DON'T EVEN
KNOW ITS EXACT
LOCATION.







**SUPERMAX SUBBASEMENT.
WALLER'S MULTIVERSAL GATE.**

**BARONESS
BLITZKRIEG.
EARTH-10.**

**THUNDERJOLT.
EARTH-13.**

IT'S **THREE**
AGAINST **ONE**,
FLASH.

Slice his
NECK.
Remove his
HEART.

OR...

THIS IS
FAILSAFE.
ACTIVATE.

**JOHNNY
QUICK.
EARTH-3.**

...SAVE SOME
FUN FOR THE
OTHERS.

HE CAN
BE THE **FIRST**
VICTIM OF WALLER'S
MULTIVERSAL
ARMY!





JON'S
CLEARING A PATH!
ADVANCE!



STEEL,
SITREP!
OUR LEAGUE
WEAPONS WENT
DOWN, BUT WE'VE
STILL GOT PLENTY
OF FIREPOWER!



SHHHKOOO!



WE DON'T HAVE
TIME TO REACH
WALLER EN
MASSE!

LET'S YOU AND I FIND
HER AND SHUT THIS
DOWN FROM THE
INSIDE!

X-RAY
VISION'S GO

I'M STILL NOT
AT 100 PERCENT,
BUT I'M STRONG
ENOUGH FOR THAT.

X-RAY
VISION'S GOT
HER.



MAKE WAY
FOR BATMAN! BUY
HIM TIME! NOTHING
ELSE MATTERS
RIGHT NOW!

FIGHT!





GIVE IT UP,
FLASH.

N-NO---!



AMANDA
WALLER WILL CARRY
HER MISSION THROUGHOUT
THE **MULTIVERSE**--AND
WITH BRAINIAC QUEEN
GONE, WE ARE HER
ENFORCERS.

WE
NUMBER IN THE
HUNDREDS.

AND YOU
ARE BUT **ONE**--
DYING **ALONE** AND
UNMOURNED.

Flash



BARRY
ALLEN IS **NEVER**
ALONE, PAL.

NOT
WHILE I'M
AROUND.







SUPERMAN,
WE HAVE EYES ON
WALLER! REPEAT,
WE HAVE--



==HRRRGH!==

TO WHAT
END?



DO YOU
HONESTLY THINK
WE WEREN'T ANTICIPATING
THE KRYPTONIAN NOW THAT
MY GIRL NO LONGER
HAS HIM?

WHAT
IS THIS,
AMATEUR
HOUR?

NNNNNNHHH

I'VE
BEEN PLAYING
RELATIVELY NICE
WITH YOU META-
HUMAN #@&@#.
NO MORE.

TODAY, WE
TURN THE PAGE ON
"SUPERHEROES" ONCE
AND FOR ALL--AND
PUT YOU OUT OF
OUR MISERY.

FAILSAFE'S ELECTRONICS LAB.

WE'RE IN
LUCK. LOOKS LIKE
SOMEONE'S ALREADY
BEEN **TINKERING** WITH
ONE OF MY **IMPLANTS**.
JUST A FEW ADJUST-
MENTS...

HOW DID
YOU KNOW WHAT
HAD TO BE **DONE**,
BATMAN?

I'VE DEALT
WITH STARR **MANY**
TIMES. THAT'S WHY
I **RECOGNIZED** THE
ENERGY SIGNATURE
OF HIS **HANDI-
WORK**.



"HIS **HOURLASSES** **REVERT**
OBJECTS IN **TIME**. HE PUT ONE
INTO **EACH** **AMAZO**. THAT'S
HOW THEY CAN **SELF-REPAIR**."

"THEY **AUTOMATICALLY**
'**REWIND**' TO THE **MOMENT**
BEFORE THEY WERE
ATTACKED!"

WHICH
HELPS US
HOW?

THE
HOURLASSES
ARE **POWER-LINKED**.
THIS IS AN **OVERRIDE**.
HIT EVEN **ONE** **AMAZO**
WITH **THIS**
DEVICE--

--AND A **CHAIN**
REACTION **SHOULD**
REWIND **ALL** OF THEM TO
BEFORE THEY **STOLE**
ALL THE **SUPER-
POWERS**--



--AND **ALL** OF
THAT **ENERGY** GETS
RETURNED!



=HH=





BARRY,
COME ON!



I ONLY
HAVE SO MUCH
WILLPOWER,
MAN!



THEN
LET US ADD
OURS.



OH
YEAH.

NOTHING
BETTER THAN A
LANTERN/FLASH
TEAM-UP!

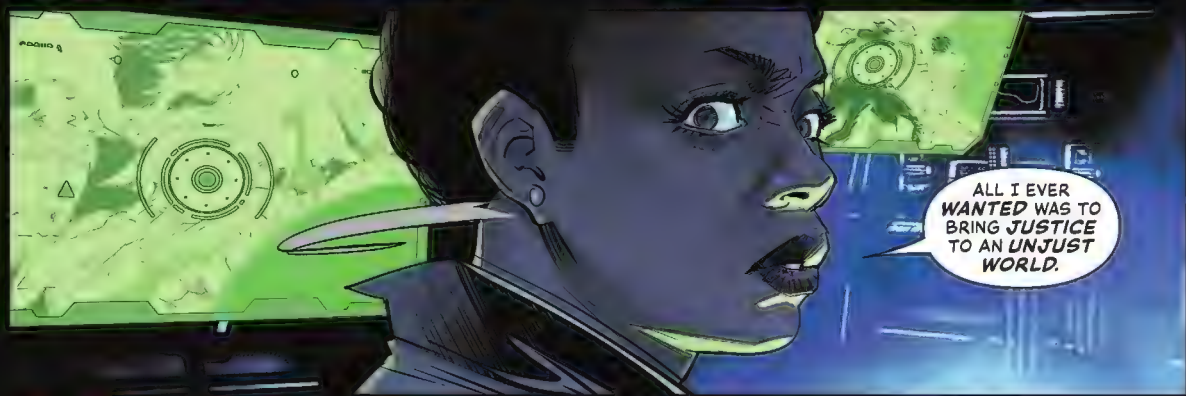




WHY DID YOU HAVE TO MAKE THIS SO DIFFICULT?

IMPRISONMENT WAS THE *GOAL*. YOUR *ESCALATION* FORCED ME TO SHIFT MY OBJECTIVE TO *TERMINATION*.

>GKKHH<



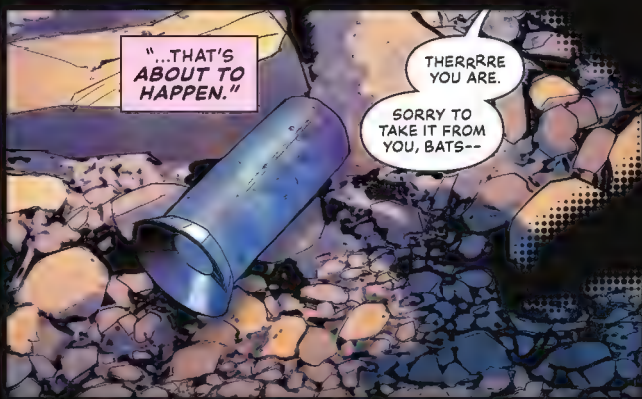
ALL I EVER WANTED WAS TO BRING JUSTICE TO AN UNJUST WORLD.



"ALL I EVER WANTED WAS TO END THE CHAOS."



"WELL..."



"...THAT'S ABOUT TO HAPPEN."

THERRRRE YOU ARE.

SORRY TO TAKE IT FROM YOU, BATS--

--BUT
HEROES GOTTA
HERO.
GOTCHA.





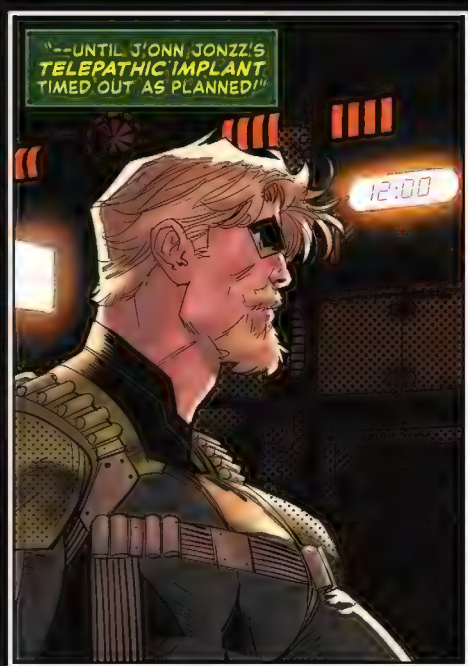
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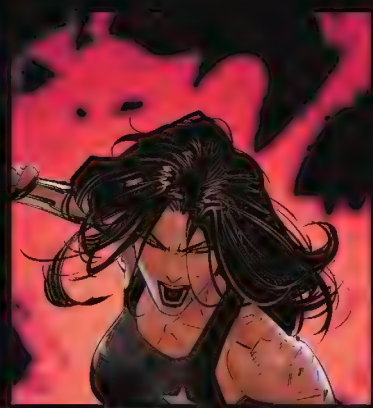
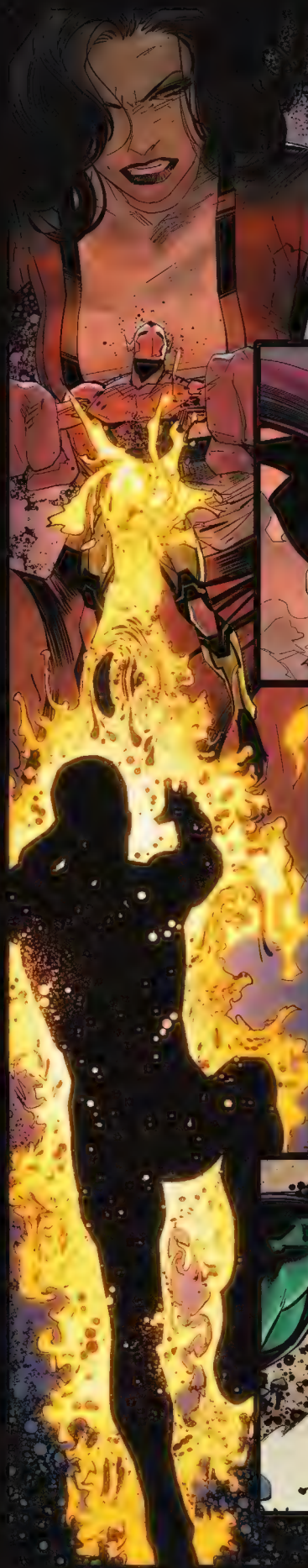
...AMAZING.
EVERYBODY
OKAY?

...KIND
OF...?

BEAST
GIRL, IS THAT
YOU...?







YOU COULD HAVE SHARED THAT WITH US.

I HAD NOT COUNTED ON BEING CAPTURED IMMEDIATELY.

BUT YOU LECTURING US ABOUT KEEPING SECRET PLANS IS HIGHLY IRONIC.

...





DREAMER...?
YOU--YOU--

--DIED WHEN
THE FORTRESS
EXPLODED? YOU'RE
RIGHT. THE BLAST
TORE ME APART.



"BUT YOU CAN'T KILL
A DREAM. NOT IF IT'S
REMEMBERED.

"JON DREAMED OF ME
CONSTANTLY WHILE
HE WAS UNDER BRAINIAC
QUEEN'S CONTROL.

"HE WOULDN'T LET ME GO.
WITHOUT REALIZING IT, HE
LITERALLY PULLED ME INTO
THE DREAMSCAPE. THAT
GAVE ME THE CHANCE TO
REBUILD MYSELF--HEALING
IN HIS DREAMS...



...AND
WAITING FOR
MY CHANCE
AT YOU.



HOLD
THE LINE!

FLASH,
CLOSE THE
GATE!



IF I DO, IT'S
FOREVER!

WE'LL BE CUT OFF
FROM THE MULTIVERSE
PERMANENTLY!



SO...
**WHAT? SO
YOUR POWERS
ARE BACK.**

WHAT DO
YOU PLAN ON
DOING WITH
THEM?



**NO CHOICE!
MAKE THE
PLAY!**



THE PEOPLE
YOU PROTECT? YOU'RE
DEAD TO THEM! I FOOLED
EVERY LAST ONE
OF THEM!

I USED THE
QUEEN'S A.I. TO SHOW THE
ENTIRE PLANET WHAT I WANT
THEM TO KNOW--THAT SUPER-
HEROES ARE **MONSTERS!**
DO YOU HEAR ME?

THANKS TO THAT
ONE PLAY, THE **WORLD'S**
GOVERNMENTS WILL RUN YOU
OFF THIS EARTH BEFORE THEY
LET YOU SO MUCH AS SAVE A
@#\$%& CAT FROM A
#\$%&@ TREE!

I WON!



YOU'VE BEEN
HANGING OUT WITH
**BAD GUYS FOR TOO
LONG**, WALLER. THAT
WAS THE STRAIGHT-UP
VILLAIN RANT I WAS
COUNTING ON.

SAY...HAVE
YOU MET MY
FRIEND, **AIR
WAVE?**



48 HOURS LATER.



"I WISH THIS WERE A
CLEANER VICTORY,
BUT IT'S **NOT.**"



FIRST, YOU
WERE **RIGHT, BARRY.**
WHATEVER **VIBRATIONAL**
ACCESS WE HAD TO
THE **MULTIVERSE...**
IT'S **GONE.**



I'VE TRIED
EVERYTHING.

WHO KNOWS
WHEN...OR IF...
WE'LL FIND THAT
DOOR AGAIN.



IT WON'T BE WITH
MY HELP SOMEHOW,
WHEN I DESTROYED
THE **MACHINE,** IT
TOOK MY POWERS
WITH IT.

NOT
JUST **YOURS,**
BARRY.



"I HEAR YOU'RE
NOT **ALONE.**"

HEY,
SUPES...IT'S YOU-
KNOW-WHO AGAIN.
THIS TRANSMISSION
IS FOR YOUR EARS
ONLY...



...AND
BRUCE'S
AND **DI'S.**

WE NEED
TO TALK.
MEET ME AT
THE **OLD**
PLACE.

AND DON'T
WORRY ABOUT
WALLER...

ELSEWHERE.

"...SHE'S WHERE WE DISCUSSED."

NNNNH
WHERE AM I...?

LOOK AROUND. YOU BUILT IT.

BY ORDER OF THE WORLD COURT, YOU'RE FACING A SOLITARY LIFE SENTENCE IN BELLE REVE PRISON.

HEH.

YOU FIND THAT FUNNY?

I FIND IT POINTLESS, GIVEN ALL I HAVE TO BARGAIN WITH. I'M NOT ABOVE BLACKMAILING MY WAY FREE, CHILD.

EVERY HIDDEN BASE, EVERY ALIAS, EVERY SECRET WEAKNESS...THERE ISN'T ANYTHING I DON'T KNOW ABOUT EVERY HERO ON EARTH.

REALLY? WHERE'S THE BATCAVE?

I'LL TELL YOU. IT'S...IT'S...
WHAT'S GREEN LANTERN'S ALTER EGO? HOW ABOUT MARY MARVEL'S?

I--
I--
WHERE DO THE BIRDS OF PREY MEET? WHERE IS BOOSTER GOLD FROM?

THANK YOU FOR HELPING ME REFINE MY POWERS, AMANDA.

WHY...WHY CAN'T I REMEMBER...?

WITHOUT YOUR COACHING, I NEVER WOULD HAVE LEARNED HOW TO ACCESS YOUR MEMORIES FROM INSIDE THE DREAMWORLD.



YOU ERASED THEM!
YOU ERASED MY
MIND!

ME?

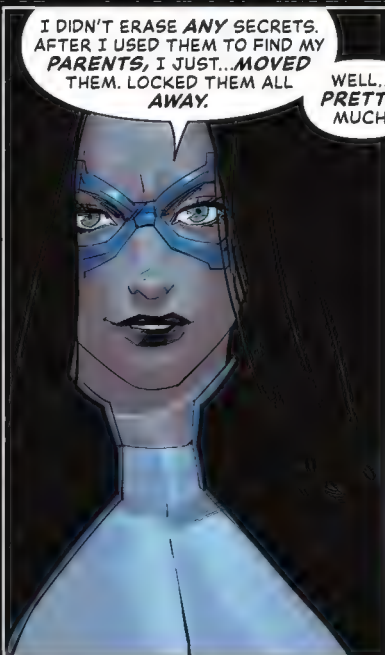


OH, NO, NO, NO.
WHY, THAT WOULD BE
UNETHICAL.

YOU ALWAYS
COMPLAINED
ABOUT HOW
**SQUEAKY-
CLEAN** WE DO-
GOODERS
ARE.

SUPERMAN
AND HIS FRIENDS
WOULD **NEVER**
APPROVE...

...IF THEY
KNEW.



I DIDN'T ERASE **ANY** SECRETS.
AFTER I USED THEM TO FIND MY
PARENTS, I JUST... **MOVED**
THEM. LOCKED THEM ALL
AWAY.

WELL...
PRETTY
MUCH.



BUT THEY
SEEM **RIGHT THERE**,
DON'T THEY? RIGHT ON
THE **TIP OF YOUR TONGUE**.
TRY **REMEMBERING**, SAY...
CYBORG'S REAL NAME.
TRY **HARD.**

V...
V...VUH...
UH...

I--I
C-CAN'T--

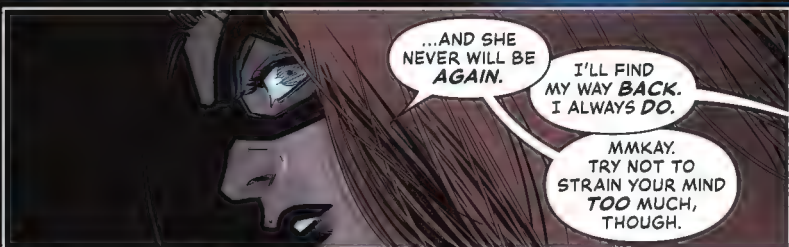


OOH, SO **CLOSE**. HOW
FRUSTRATING. ALL
THAT **KNOWLEDGE**
YOU HAD...

...AND NOW
YOUR HEAD IS FULL
OF **WHISPERS** BUT
NO **WORDS**.

GOD,
THAT'S GONNA BE
TORTURE AFTER
ALL THOSE **YEARS**
OF **HOARDING**
INTEL.

TO HAVE NOTHING
TO DO FOR THE **REST**
OF YOUR LIFE OTHER THAN
TO **STRUGGLE** AND **FAIL** TO
REMEMBER ANY OF IT. TO **KNOW**
THAT **AMANDA WALLER** WAS
ONCE SMART ENOUGH TO
OWN THE WORLD...



...AND SHE
NEVER WILL BE
AGAIN.

I'LL FIND
MY WAY **BACK**.
I ALWAYS **DO**.

MMKAY.
TRY NOT TO
STRAIN YOUR MIND
TOO MUCH,
THOUGH.



AFTER ALL, SECRETS
MIGHT NOT BE THE
ONLY THING HIDDEN
IN YOUR BRAIN.

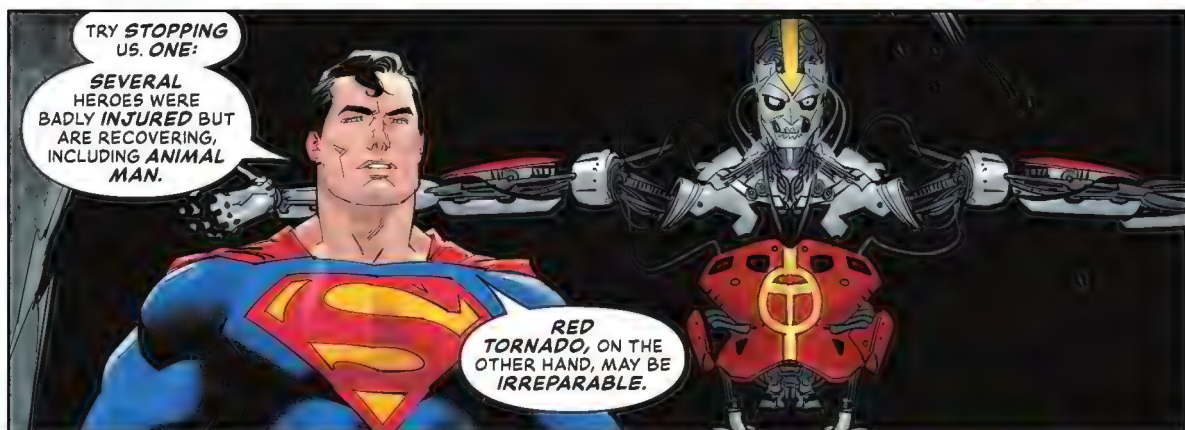
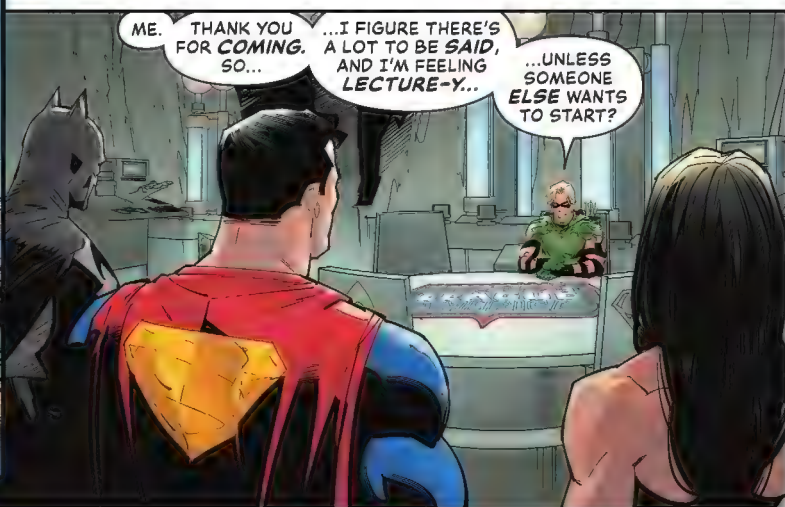
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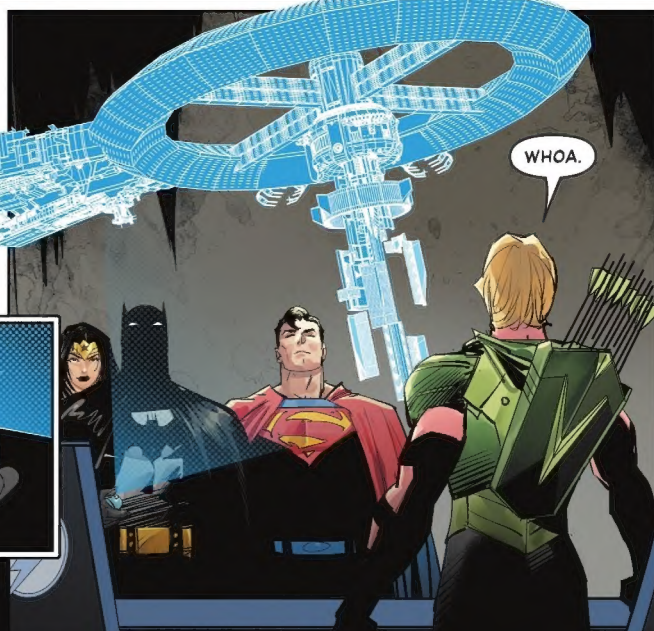
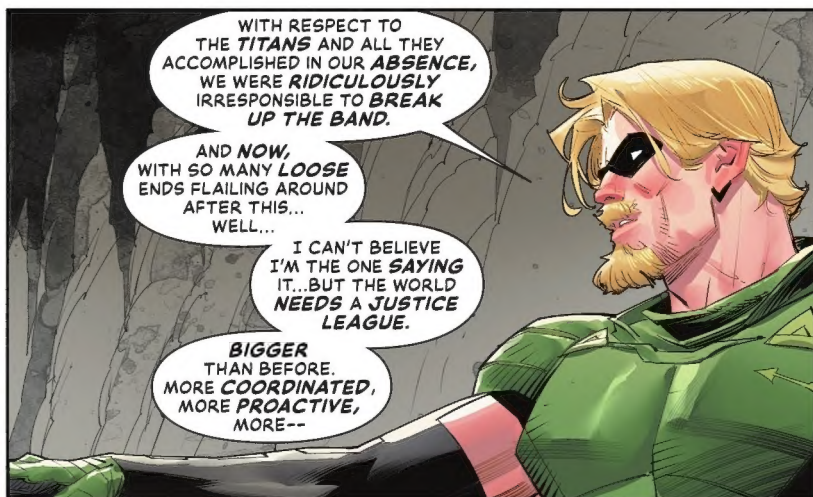
...DID YOU PUT
A **BOMB** IN MY
HEAD? MINE?



ANSWER
ME!

**ANSWER
MEEEE!**





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OF THE WORLD'S GREATEST
SUPERHEROES...

...IN THE PAGES OF



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and

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THE DARK KNIGHT IS BACK IN GOTHAM—
JUST IN TIME FOR MURDER TO STRIKE THE HEART OF HIS CITY!

BATMAN

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JORGE JIMÉNEZ

are back to explore

"The Dying City,"

in an essential new story

GO ALL IN THIS
OCTOBER



ABSOLUTE BATMAN

INTERVIEW WITH SCOTT SNYDER

Having previously defined one of the most influential eras of *Batman*, Scott Snyder returns to present an all-new vision of the Dark Knight alongside Nick Dragotta, one of the most viscerally powerful artists of the contemporary era, beginning with October's *Absolute Batman* #1.

Scott, how did you become involved in DC's All In initiative?

Scott Snyder: When DC called and told me they wanted to take their biggest collective swing in a number of years I knew I couldn't turn down the chance to be a part of it. I'm so honored and thrilled to play a role in this amazing thing.

What makes the Absolute Universe distinct?

This is a universe that's uncharted, surprising, chaotic, wild, dangerous, and crazy fun—it's a place where the heroes are underdogs, where the odds are stacked against them even more strongly, so they have to be fighters, to shine brighter. And getting to build this universe with some of the most amazing creators in comics...it's been one of the best times I've had in my entire career. I can't wait for everyone to see what we've been forging together.

All In is designed as a line-wide jumping-on point. Every book will start a new epic story over the course of the fall: all the books in the main DC Universe, and in a whole new line of daring reinventions called the Absolute Universe. From October on, DC will have every kind of superhero story you could want: blockbuster, wild, personal, daring, everything; all of it connected by a megastory that starts in *DC All In Special*. It's all in the books, all in the stories, all right here in our DC comics.

How is *Absolute Batman* different than any of your past *Batman* stories?

For the first time in my career, I don't want to give anything away. I just want people to open up the book and enter this new, shocking Gotham without knowing what's coming...because what's coming is Batman like you've never seen him.

This is a story that has been in my head for a long time, one that means a lot to me. I just had no place to tell it. But here, in this new universe, in a new ongoing book, I can tell it in the best and biggest way possible. This is Batman as you've never seen him, Batman as underdog, Batman as warrior.

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